

Flippo House (Sycamore Tavern)
Woodford
Caroline County
Virginia

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FLIPPO HOUSE (SYCAMORE TAVERN)
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Owner: Flippo Estate

Date of erection: c. 1790-1800

Condition: Ruinous

Description:

Frame, story and a half, gambrel roof. Plan: one large room with cased-in stair at one end and chimney at other. In a lean-to against the chimney end is the kitchen. The exterior is weatherboarded, above a brick basement laid in Flemish bond. The first slope of the gambrel is steep, and at its intersection with the upper slope is a full moulded cornice. This is perhaps a unique example of this use, a simple double-moulded crown mould usually being used here. The main part of the house is two bays, the door occurring on the east front at the right-hand side. The gable end has one window. All sash in this section are nine-over-nine lights, the kitchen windows being reduced to four-over-four lights. The basement windows are filled with grilles of vertical wood bars set into a heavy solid frame.

The interior preserved until a year or so ago well designed but simple trim of the period. On the north wall was centered a small-scale pilastered mantel, with a six-panel door axed in the center of the spaces to right and left. The windows had mitred architrave trims, and all woodwork was painted green.

This is a particularly interesting and appealing example of its type. The building was probably run as a part of Sycamore Tavern, or may have been the innkeeper's dwelling. The brick inn starts to the south. It is of brick laid in Flemish bond, one story high in the masonry with an added framed floor above. There is no evidence of the roof type. The facade is six bays long with the door off-center to the left. All openings have fine gauged-brick arches. The interior was inaccessible.

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